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Mr. Frank R. Barnett, Co-Chairman  
Implementation Committee  
National Military-Industrial Conference  
140 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1191  
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 13 March inviting me to participate in the National Military-Industrial Conference in Chicago on 6-8 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I am planning to be out of the city during this period, and therefore must regretfully decline. However, I have talked to Dr. Otto E. Guthe, one of my Assistant Directors, about the Conference and he tells me that he will be glad to represent the Agency on this occasion.

Your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

In addition to your planned trip to West Palm Beach, you are scheduled to deliver an address in New Orleans on 8 April.

You may be interested in looking over the attached comments from Stan Grogan. I have talked to Otto Guthe and he is planning to attend the Conference.



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**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

1. This is an outstanding group. Lenox Lohr who heads the Board of Directors, is a former president of NBC and a retired major of the Army Engineer Corps. General Robert E. Wood is one of America's leading isolationists. Major General Max S. Johnson, listed as U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, should not be so listed; the Director knew him when he headed the Army War College. David Lawrence does not permit his people to use the name of the magazine in connection with any outside activity. Leslie R. Groves -- General Groves -- handled the Manhattan Project. It is a very fine group.

2. Among the speakers will be General Ed Hull and Tony McAuliffe of "Nuts" fame. Others participating in panels will include Leo Cherne, Dr. Robert Strausz-Hupe, Admiral Felix Stump, George Meany and Wernher von Braun.

3. Since this will be in Chicago it may prove difficult for the Director to attend, particularly since he is to speak in New Orleans on April 8. I would recommend that he have [redacted] or one of Ed's assistants attend as an observer.

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~~STANLEY J. GROGAN~~  
Assistant to the Director

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